

Chatham St. - Haw. Is.

EXTRACT FROM
1923 REPORT BY H. H. HUNGERFORD

Chichagof Island.

July 26--Aug. 4

Basket Bay. Has rather a peculiar stream coming out of a lake about a mile back and running, at times, underground. Very little sand or gravel has been brought down, allowing the stream to discharge directly into deep water.

A stream guard has been maintained here for several years and a fair take of sockeye is reported. Coho also use this stream. Probably rather numerous during the fall of the year. There is a sprinkling of dogs all the time.

The fish must necessarily spawn in the streams coming into the lake, but as the country is very rough could find no one who had ever been to its head.

Trout are very numerous in the stream and lake, and is often visited by fishing parties.

EXTRACT FROM
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July 27--

CHICHAGOY Island.

Tenakee Inlet is some 30 miles in length and has about 12 streams, some of them quite large, all coming in to salt water on the southerly side. As they are not named, will designate by number, starting at the entrance and working west.

No. 1 or 417, is a small creek several miles in length, snow-fed. Maintained a fair supply of very clear water throughout the summer, and has a good gravel bottom. Geo. T. Meyers Co. of Chatham had a pile trap the lead of which was directly across the mouth of this creek. We inspected this creek July 12, July 27, and Aug 4, but were unable to find a single salmon in the stream. Local inhabitants maintain it is a salmon stream but were unable to swear to the fact.

The fact of the matter is that the trap caught all the fish that would have ordinarily entered the stream. No doubt later in the season dogs and coho will enter to spawn.

Dolly Varden rather numerous and easily seen in the holes.

No. 2, 416. Rather a small stream with big flats. Water was very low. Went up about one-half mile and saw but two dog salmon. Carries plenty of water on a normally wet year.

No. 3--415. A large creek bed but very little water at time of visit. Has several thousand acres of flats and is opposite the town of Tenakee. Went up with the tide several miles. Did not seem to be any fish in stream, but were rather numerous in tide water and were working back and forth with the tide about ready to enter. Humps and dogs. This stream during a normal year must be quite large.

No. 4-- Has a good creek bed and runs back a considerable distance through level country, but contained practically no water. Evident ly a wet weather stream only. Contained no fish of any kind.

No. 5--414. Crab Bay. The first stream on the left when entering comes down over large flats. Several miles in extent, is of good size but water was low at time of visit. There were no fish spawning but several hundred humps had collected in a large hole at head of tide water.

No. 6--413. Crab Bay at its head has three medium sized streams coming out of the woods at different points and combining on the rather extensive flats into one large stream. They were all short of water. The only fish observed were in a hole at half tide, some 50 humps in the lot.

No. 7, 412--Head of second bay has extensive flats and a very good creek, an excellent flow of water for such a dry season. No fish spawning on bars. Two to 3,000 humps in a hole at high water.

No. 8--411--Head of third bay has extensive flats, rather a large stream with a good flow of water. It branches three ways about a mile back, all of them usable by spawning salmon for a considerable distance. There were several thousand dogs spawning on the bars of the united creek. Some 10,000 or more humps were in the holes at high water and more coming up.

No. 9--410--Head of fourth bay has extensive flats and the best and largest creek inspected in Tenakee Inlet. It branches two ways about a mile back from high water. Has an abundance of water and extensive spawning areas. There were several thousand dogs and a few humps spawning on the lower bars. There were some 20,000 to 30,000 humps and a few dogs in the holes at high water mark.

The showing of fish in front of all the streams visited in the inlet was good, and as the Bureau has maintained a patrol here, the chances of escapement into streams with sufficient water to allow fish to ascend were very good.